1 EXHIBIT 23 2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA 3 4 5 DREW J. RIBAR, Pro Se Plaintiff 3480 Pershing Ln 6 Washoe Valley, NV 89704 7 (775) 223-7899 Const2Audit@gmail.com 8 9 VS. Filed Received Entered Served On Counsel/Parties of Record 10 WASHOE COUNTY, et al. 11 Clerk US Ulswict Court District of Nevada 12 Defendants. 13 14 Case No.: 3:24-cv-00526-ART-CLB 15 16 17 **EXHIBIT 23** 18 19 Title: Deputy District Attorney Herbert Kaplan's Response to Plaintiff's Appeal Notice and 20 Public Records Request 21 Date: August 16, 2024 22 Source: Email Communications Between Plaintiff Drew Ribar, Deputy District Attorney 23 24 Herbert Kaplan, and Washoe County Officials 25 **Bates Number Range: EXH179-EXH189** 26 27 28 PLEADING TITLE - 1

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DESCRIPTION:

This exhibit contains email exchanges between Plaintiff Drew Ribar and Washoe County

Deputy District Attorney Herbert Kaplan regarding:

- Plaintiff's demand for public records related to his library suspension.
- Washoe County's refusal to provide records prior to the Library Board of Trustees hearing.
- Procedural irregularities in the appeal process, undermining due process rights.

KEY DETAILS FROM EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Washoe County's Denial of Pre-Hearing Evidence
 - Deputy District Attorney Kaplan explicitly states the Library Board does not allow "discovery" or an evidentiary hearing.
 - Kaplan refuses to provide videos or internal records that allegedly justify
 Plaintiff's suspension.
 - Kaplan cites high volumes of public records requests as justification for noncompliance.
- 2. Violation of Due Process Rights (Fourteenth Amendment)
 - Plaintiff asserts that Washoe County's refusal to disclose records before the hearing violates **procedural due process** (Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976)).
 - Plaintiff highlights the lack of an impartial tribunal as a fundamental constitutional flaw.

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3. First Amendment Retaliation & Government Censorship

- Plaintiff argues that his suspension was retaliation for documenting and exposing government misconduct.
- Cites Nieves v. Bartlett, 587 U.S. 391 (2019) to establish that government actions must be free of retaliatory motives.
- Plaintiff demands reinstatement of his access to the Washoe County Library System Facebook page, from which he was blocked without justification.
- Legal Precedent: Packingham v. North Carolina, 582 U.S. 98 (2017) establishes that social media operated by the government is a public forum, making his exclusion unlawful.

4. Plaintiff's Demands for Identification of Accuser & Video Evidence

- Plaintiff requests the name of the library employee who accused him of misconduct.
- Demands full disclosure of all videos showing interactions between Plaintiff, library staff, and law enforcement.
- Refutes false allegations that led to his suspension.

RELEVANCE TO CASE:

- Supports First & Fourteenth Amendment Claims: Retaliatory Suspension & Due **Process Violations**
 - Confirms that Plaintiff was denied critical evidence, violating procedural due process.

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- Proves that Plaintiff's suspension was retaliation for documenting government misconduct.
- Establishes that Washoe County engaged in suppression of public records to obstruct due process.
- Strengthens Monell Liability Claims Against Washoe County
 - Demonstrates that Washoe County systematically denied access to public records to individuals challenging government actions.
 - Establishes Washoe County's pattern of unconstitutional conduct, making them liable under Monell v. Dep't of Soc. Servs., 436 U.S. 658 (1978).
- Refutes Defendants' Motions to Dismiss
 - Establishes that Washoe County and WCLS engaged in coordinated efforts to suppress free speech and punish Plaintiff for exercising his constitutional rights.
 - Proves that Plaintiff's suspension was politically and ideologically motivated.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Drew J. Ribar, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the attached EXHIBIT 23 is a true and correct copy of email communications exchanged between Plaintiff and Washoe County Officials, obtained lawfully, and that these records accurately reflect the content of the original digital communications.

Dated: March 17, 2025

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From:

Kaplan, Herbert <HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>

Sent:

16 August 2024 18:33

To:

Const2Audit

Cc:

Solaro, David; Silver, Ann (Board member); Ruf, Tami (Trustee); Jacks, Gianna (Board

Member); Moser, Lea (Trustee); Al Rogers (Trustee); rich@mlreno.com; Scott, Jeff

Subject:

Re: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

Attachments:

Mr. Ribar.

This is not a proceeding in which you are entitled to conduct discovery. It is not an evidentiary hearing. It is an administrative hearing based largely on the record, and which does not provide for discovery to be conducted. None will be provided. All of the information relevant to the suspension and appeal has been provided. You will be afforded 5 minutes to present your appeal. You may utilize that 5 minutes however you choose. I will not be forwarding any videos to the Board, as I do not believe that they are relevant to the appeal of the suspension. If you choose to play a video, that will be part of your 5 minutes.

I did not view your request as a records request, but instead as the aforementioned unauthorized discovery request. We can certainly process your request as we normally would with any public records request, however, some of the information you request has already been requested by you and a response provided. The additional information requested will not be provided through that process by next Wednesday, as Washoe County receives a high volume of public records requests and those requests are processed in order of receipt. Please advise whether you would like us to treat this as a public records request and proceed to process it accordingly.

We have expedited the appeal process in your case, as well as the others, in an effort to resolve the appeals of the suspensions as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

Herbert Kaplan
Deputy District Attorney
Washoe County District Attorney
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From: Const2Audit <const2audit@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 9:31 AM

To: Scott, Jeff < iscott@washoecounty.gov>

<HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>; Solaro, David Kaplan, Herbert Cc: <DSolaro@washoecounty.gov>; Silver, Ann (Board member) <ASilver@washoecounty.gov>; <TRuf@washoecounty.gov>; Gianna (Board Member) Jacks, (Trustee) <GJacks@washoecounty.gov>; Moser, Lea (Trustee) <LMoser@washoecounty.gov>; <fredrmyer@gmail.com>; <valeriealerie@gmail.com>; fredrmyer@gmail.com Rogers (Trustee) <VWMEYER@gmail.com>; VWMEYER@gmail.com <sanshelly1@charter.net>; <ARogers@washoecounty.gov>; sanshelly1@charter.net rich@mlreno.com <rich@mlreno.com>; Herman, Jeanne <JHerman@washoecounty.gov>; Clark, Michael &It;MEClark@washoecounty.gov>; Hill, Alexis &It;AHill@washoecounty.gov>; Andriola C. <MCGarcia@washoecounty.gov>; Mariluz Garcia, <CAndriola@washoecounty.gov>; Brown, Eric P. <EPriceBrown@washoecounty.gov>; Bob <bob@thisisreno.com>; reno misconduct Conrad This Reno <mrobison@rgj.com>; <renomisconduct@gmail.com>; mrobison@rgj.com Margiott <Jhart@mynews4.com>; Benjamin Jhart@mynews4.com <bmargiott@mynews4.com>; Nevada Signal <nevadasignal@gmail.com>; Nevada Liberty <freedom@nevadaliberty.org>; Scott Neuffer <sneuffer@nevadaappeal.com>; Audit the Audit & lt; auditheaudit@gmail.com & gt;; Robert Beadles & lt; Robert Beadles@protonmail.com & gt;; editor@nevadaappeal.com <contact@thenvindy.com>; contact@thenvindy.com Alexis.Hansen@asm.state.nv.us <editor@nevadaappeal.com>; <Alexis.Hansen@asm.state.nv.us>; Ken.Gray@asm.state.nv.us <Ken.Gray@asm.state.nv.us>; megan@thenevadaglobe.com <media@aclunv.org>; **ACLUNV** <megan@thenevadaglobe.com>; PK.Oneill@asm.state.nv.us <PK.Oneill@asm.state.nv.us> Subject: Re: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

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FRIDAY EDITION TWILIGHT ZONE: VIOLENT LIBRARIANS & TRANSEXUALS LOCKING CHILDREN IN LIBRARIES AND KEEPING THE PUBLIC OUT...

NRS 379.120 Library to be free and accessible to public; regulations of governing authority. The library and reading room shall forever be and remain free and accessible to the people of the city, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the governing authority may adopt.

Mr Kaplan & Scott,

I was very specific about my Discovery / NRS 239 PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST in previous emails. I can file a motion with the Court if you prefer to get this information and we can extend the hearing, causing me further damages. Or you can give me the information I need to defend myself against this violation of my Constitutional Rights and we can end this part of the process.

Why are you playing this stupid game of denying public records/discovery?

How is this DUE PROCESS??

The Executive Branch is the police/Assistant Library Director writing the citation, Judge/Assistant Library Director with no hearing, Appeals Court Judge/Library Director with no hearing and now I get to go before the library board as the Supreme Court in an Administrative Hearing with no discovery, no public records and you are going to make me fight to get discovery/public records?

Disclose the name of the library employee that accused me of injuring her. Is it the asian woman that slammed the door on my foot?? As shown in this video... https://youtube.com/shorts/2Ftp4suz450

Provide all emails with my name in them.

Provide all records used to create the complaint and restrictions placed on me leading to this hearing.

Provide all records with Our Center or the corporate name Build Our Center and any of its volunteers or staff.

Provide all records regarding Drag Queen story time to include all video/audio, emails, invoices, insurance, costs, employee hours, documents, fliers, posters etc..

Seems to me, if you are ready for a hearing you should have all of this information readily available.

Why would you NOT want to put an end to this issue as quickly as possible?? Why work so hard not to provide public records??

What are you hiding??

Drew Ribar Auditing Reno 911 775-223-7899

On Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 10:22 AM Scott, Jeff < jscott@washoecounty.gov> wrote: Good morning,

The only documentation is what was already provided to Mr. Ribar when he was suspended. I will provide it again here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Jeff

Jeff Scott Library Director | Washoe County Library System jscott@washoecounty.gov | Office: 775.327.8340 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89501

From: Kaplan, Herbert < HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:57:08 AM

To: Const2Audit <const2audit@gmail.com>

David < DSolaro@washoecounty.gov>; Silver, Ann (Board <ASilver@washoecounty.gov>; Ruf, Tami (Trustee) <TRuf@washoecounty.gov>; Jacks, Gianna (Board Member) & lt; GJacks@washoecounty.gov>; Moser, Lea (Trustee) fredrmyer@gmail.com <:LMoser@washoecounty.gov>; <valeriealerie@gmail.com>; <:fredrmyer@gmail.com>; W Rogers (Trustee) VWMEYER@gmail.com <VWMEYER@gmail.com>; Αl sanshelly1@charter.net <ARogers@washoecounty.gov>; <sanshelly1@charter.net>; rich@mlreno.com <rich@mlreno.com>; Scott, Jeff <jscott@washoecounty.gov> Subject: RE: RE: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

Mr. Ribar,

Thank you for your response.

I will ask Director Scott to provide you as soon as possible with whatever records are going to be presented to the Library Board in connection with the suspension and your subsequent appeal.

Based on your e-mail I will instruct staff to leave your appeal on the agenda for next week's meeting. However, if you feel the documentation has not been timely provided to allow you to respond, you can contact us to advise that you would like to have the matter postponed until such time as you have had that opportunity. In that event, the appeal would be pulled/tabled by the Chair at the meeting and your appeal would then be placed on a future agenda, likely the September 2024 meeting.

Thank you again for your response.

Herbert Kaplan **Deputy District Attorney** Washoe County District Attorney hkaplan@da.washoecounty.gov Office: 775.337.5700 One S. Sierra St. 4th Floor, Reno, NV 89501 Justice First, People Always

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From: Const2Audit <const2audit@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:33 AM

To: Kaplan, Herbert & lt; HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>

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Garcia, Mariluz <AHill@washoecounty.gov>; Hill. Alexis <MCGarcia@washoecounty.gov>; Clara Andriola <CAndriola@washoecounty.gov>; Brown, Eric P. < EPrice Brown@washoecounty.gov>; Silver, Ann (Board member) <ASilver@washoecounty.gov>; Ruf, Tami (Trustee) <TRuf@washoecounty.gov>; Jacks, Gianna (Board Member) & lt; Glacks@washoecounty.gov>; Moser, Lea (Trustee) <LMoser@washoecounty.gov>; Bob Conrad This Is Reno <bob@thisisreno.com>; mrobison@rgi.com; <renomisconduct@gmail.com>; Jhart@mynews4.com; Benjamin Margiott <bmargiott@mynews4.com>; Nevada Signal <nevadasignal@gmail.com>; Nevada Liberty <freedom@nevadaliberty.org>; Scott <sneuffer@nevadaappeal.com>; fredrmyer@gmail.com; Neuffer <valeriealerie@gmail.com>; VWMEYER@gmail.com; Audit the Audit <auditheaudit@gmail.com>; Robert Beadles <RobertBeadles@protonmail.com>; contact@thenvindy.com; editor@nevadaappeal.com; Alexis.Hansen@asm.state.nv.us; <media@aclunv.org>; Ken.Gray@asm.state.nv.us; **NV** Media ACLUNV Rogers (Trustee) megan@thenevadaglobe.com; PK.Oneill@asm.state.nv.us; Αl <ARogers@washoecounty.gov>; sanshelly1@charter.net; rich@mlreno.com Subject: Re: RE: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

Greetings!!

This fine Thursday August 15, 2024

Following up on The Twilight Zone Violent Librarians Transexuals locking CHILDREN in libraries and keeping the public out saga...

Mr. Kaplan,

Will you be able to get me the records in a timely manner so that I can review them prior to the August 21 Library Board meeting??

I am more than willing to resolve this issue expeditiously by waiving notice as long as I can review and have the information to defend myself and restore my Right to access the public library to do the only thing I have done in the library over the last 25 years... record, document and disseminate as a member of media exercising my 1st Amendment God given Right as a member of the free press.

I do not have a library card. Have not checked out a book. The only time I spend in the library is recording government employees doing their jobs. This restriction has chilled my speech and ability to follow up on a news story that is relevant to our community.

Did you know that Judge Derek Dreiling ruled I am a member of the media and allowed me to record his court?

Check this video out (if you don't want to watch Deputy Bueno whine, the order is issued about 49:00 into the video).

https://youtu.be/OY5DhTJvgjo?si=VTyp1xKa4G8hf1W2

Please provide the records as soon as possible so you can get this item on the agenda and we can

resolve this portion of the process.

The actions taken against me by Washoe County are First Amendment Retaliation. Nieves v Bartlett, 587 U.S. 391 " To prevail on such a claim, a plaintiff must establish a causal connection between the government defendant's retaliatory animus and the plaintiff's subsequent injury. It is not enough to show that an official acted with a retaliatory motive and that the plaintiff was injured - the motive must cause the injury. Specifically, it must be a "but-for" cause, meaning that the adverse action against the plaintiff would not have been taken absent the retaliatory motive."

The only "retaliatory motive" to be restricted is because I document and disseminate. I use the library for no other purpose. The motive of Washoe County and its employees was to stop me from exercising my Rights and they injured me in the process when they shut the door on my foot, when Jeff Scott laid hands on me and trespassed me because my recording was upsetting people. Now I am restricted for a year because government employees do not want their actions published... causing further damages.

When will I be able to access the public forum on Washoe County Library Facebook again?? When will the information I requested be provided?

Respectfully,

Drew Ribar Auditing Reno 911 775-223-7899

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 10:31 AM Const2Audit < const2audit@gmail.com> wrote: Good morning!

Re: Twilight Zone Violent Librarians and Transexuals Locking CHILDREN In a Library keeping the public out...

NRS 379.120 Library to be free and accessible to public; regulations of governing authority. The library and reading room shall forever be and remain free and accessible to the people of the city, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the governing authority may adopt.

Mr. Kaplan,

I requested my attorney Rich Salvatore be cc'd in our conversation. Please do that in the future cc to rich@mlreno.com

When will you be able to get the records I requested and the name of the person that falsely

accused me of injuring them?

I appreciate you clarifying the process in front of the Board.

Will the Board have viewed all of my videos regarding Washoe County Library I have posted over the last few years? I would like to enter all of those onto the public record for any hearings.

To ensure my intentions regarding this issue are clear, Washoe County and its employees are involved in 1st Amendment retaliation. I plan on bringing an action against all involved.

Washoe County Library Facebook page has me blocked. When will I be permitted back on the Washoe County Library Facebook public forum?? I want to make some statements regarding the upcoming library taxation ballot and am unable to speak. Will this issue also be on the next agenda?

Here is a short 1 minute video, no consequences for Government employees or LGBTQ in Washoe County. Why is that Mr. Kaplan? Does Washoe DA ignore these crimes, yet punish others??

https://youtu.be/4PY5mLpmQCk

Respectfully,

Drew Ribar Auditing Reno 911 775-223-7899

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 11:03 AM Const2Audit <const2audit@gmail.com> wrote: Greetings Mr. Solaro,

Regarding the parody that Washoe County government has become... Violent Librarians, their Transexual friends hand in glove locking children in libraries and keeping the public and press outside....

Prior to waiving my rights... I do not waive at this time.

Please provide the procedural rules for the hearing.

What is the discovery process? Provide the name of the library employee stating I harmed them.

Provide a list of people that will be giving testimony evidence on behalf of the library.

Provide all records regarding shutting down libraries and closing reading rooms to the public for Drag Queen Story time.

Provide all correspondence between the county and Our Center or any person involved with Drag Queen Story time.

Provide all exhibits the County may/will use in this case.

What will the process be to present exhibits?

Who and how will the case be presented to the board in what order will the parties present their arguments?

Can the issue of Washoe County government blocking me on social media from the library's facebook also be put on the agenda?? Library Director Scott has blocked myself and numerous other people from government operated social media/public forums. This is unconstitutional see the recent Supreme Court decision in Lindke v Freed. Recently Bonner County Idaho paid out \$125,000 for blocking a man on social media and previously Woodland Colorada got to pay \$65,000 for blocking social media... here's a little video <a href="https://youtu.be/PJpOkeGB0xw</A">https://youtu.be/PJpOkeGB0xw

My attorney Rich Salvatore will be helping me with this matter, please ensure he is cc'd in our future correspondence.

This is a discovery request for this hearing as well as a public records request under NRS 239.

Please let me know.

Respectfully,

Drew Ribar Auditing Reno 911 https://www.youtube.com/@auditingreno911 775-223-7899

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 9:06 AM < sanshelly 1@charter.net> wrote: CC: Commissioners, County Manager, and Library Board

I forgot to add, I am being falsely accused as well. The video evidence you are possession of clearly shows I spoke with NO patrons during DQSH and I only spoke to library staff after being approached and harassed by them.

BROKEN (NRS) 200.510 A libel is a malicious defamation, expressed by printing, writing, signs, pictures or the like, tending to blacken the memory of the dead, or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue, or reputation, or to publish the natural defects of a living person or persons, or community of persons, or association of persons, and thereby to expose them to public hatred, contempt or ridicule

BROKEN (NRS) 200.550 Every person who shall willfully state, deliver or transmit by any means whatever to any manager, editor, publisher, reporter or other employee of a publisher of any newspaper, magazine, publication, periodical or serial any statement concerning any person or corporation which, if published therein, would be a libel shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

From: <sanshelly1@charter.net>

To: " Solaro, David" < DSolaro@washoecounty.gov> Cc: " Kaplan, Herbert" < HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>

Sent: August 13, 2024 at 8:02 AM PDT

Subject: RE: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

Good morning Mr. Solaro,

I appreciate your email. Thank you.

I have questions before I answer your email, please.

I don't understand why we have these NRS codes when nobody with our library system is able to abide by them. Why is the library director, staff, board and DA exempt from following the NRS codes?

BROKEN (NRS) 379.120 Library to be free and accessible to public; regulations of governing authority.

BROKEN (NRS) 200.460 False imprisonment is an unlawful violation of the personal liberty of another, and consists in confinement or detention without sufficient legal authority.

BROKEN (NRS) 200.571 Harassment

BROKEN (NRS) 233,010 It is hereby declared to be the public policy of the State of Nevada to protect the welfare, prosperity, health and peace of all the people of the State, and to foster the right of all persons reasonably to seek and be granted services in places of public accommodation without discrimination, distinction or restriction because of race, religious creed, color, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry or gender identity or expression.

BROKEN (NRS) 241.033 to the extent that the Library Board of Trustees may "consider your character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health,".

Where is the accountability? Why aren't they held to a better standard?

Thank you,

Sandee Tibbett

From: "Solaro, David" <DSolaro@washoecounty.gov>

To: <sanshelly1@charter.net>

Cc: " Kaplan, Herbert" < HKaplan@da.washoecounty.gov>

Sent: August 12, 2024 at 5:34 PM PDT

Subject: Notice of Appeal - Library Board of Trustees - August 21, 2024

Ms. Tibbett.

I have seen correspondence related to a potential request to appeal a decision of the Library System in Washoe County before the Library Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 241.033, to the extent that the Library Board of Trustees may "consider your character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health," you are entitled to receive notice of such meeting by certified mail at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Considering the compressed time frame, notice by certified mail is not possible. Accordingly, it is requested that you reply to this e-mail whether you would like to waive the notice requirement via certified mail and consider your return e-mail as a waiver that you understand your statutory right and that you waive the otherwise applicable notice requirement set forth in NRS 241.033. This will allow the Board to fully consider your appeal at the upcoming August 21, 2024 meeting.

Please respond to this e-mail and state whether you waive your notice requirements, or whether you would rather have notice as outlined in NRS 341.033.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

David M. Solaro **Assistant County Manager | Community Services** dsolaro@washoecounty.gov| Office: 775.328.3624 1001 E. Ninth Street, Building A, Reno, NV 89512

